

## **SSAB CHAIRS BIMONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2002**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM EDT**

Martha Crosland, HQ, welcomed the following participants on the call:

Oak Ridge	Sheree Black, Pete Osborne, Jim McBrayer, Dave Mosby
Paducah	Stacey Young, Lynn Link, Steve Kay
Hanford	Shelley Cimon
Nevada	Ted McAdam, Carla Sanda
Los Alamos	Jim Brannon, Menice Manzanares, Ted Taylor
Rocky Flats	Jeff Eggleston, Ken Korkia
Fernald	David Bidwell
Idaho	Monte Wilson
Savannah River	Wade Waters
Headquarters	Martha Crosland, Betty Nolan, Fred Dowd

### **1. SSAB CHAIRS MEETING IN OAK RIDGE (Ted McAdam)**

- Draft agenda of Aug 6 was discussed for finalization.
- Oct 17 reception will be at Riverside Tavern with a buffet and entertainment.
- Oct 18 videoconference will be at another site if it takes place. Still waiting to hear if Jessie Roberson will be there. Alternates are Paul Golan and Roger Butler.
- Formats for individual site presentations will be sent to everyone.
- Each site will present its three main issues.
- Martha suggested each board be ready to discuss the pros and cons on the PMP.
- Martha also suggested that Brian Quirk from DOE-Chicago do a 30 minute program on giving a presentation to the public. The presentation was added to the meeting agenda.
- The Oct 19 Oak Ridge presentation on their Student Participation Program was deleted from the draft agenda,
- The Oct 19 program will be changed to give maximum time to site topics.
- All information is on the OR web site, [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/chairs](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/chairs).
- New agendas will be sent out soon with changes as agreed.

### **2. LOCAL SSAB ISSUE/UPDATES**

#### Oak Ridge

- On August 2 and 3, the Annual Retreat was held to develop their Annual Work Plan for the upcoming year. They will have three standing committees- Environmental Restoration, Stewardship, and Waste Management.
- Major topics for the Environmental Restoration Committee will be reviewing activities and documents pertaining to the remedial activities associated with the Accelerated Cleanup, including the life cycle baseline, historical preservation issues, and explanation of significant differences that are made in RODs.

- Major activities for the Stewardship Committee will be to do a stewardship case study concerning Melton Valley, review how records and information for stewardship are managed for the OR Reservation, and continue the education and outreach program to high school students.
- Important issues for the Waste Management Committee will be reviewing the “Comprehensive Waste Disposition Plan” that will describe the waste disposition associated with the EM Waste Management Facility, the new on-site facility. They will also be looking at the usage of the on-site waste facility.
- In the next Board meeting, September 12, two recommendations will be considered. One is the reorganization of DOE OR Site Office and the negative impacts on EM and public participation possible from the elimination of the Site Manager position in OR. They will also be considering comments on the DOE/HQ Stewardship Strategic Plan.

#### Paducah

Elections will be held in late August for board members.

#### Hanford

- Board has been extremely busy working on, amongst other issues:
  - Integrated Safety Management System
  - Solid Waste EIS
  - Exposure Scenarios Task Force on the 200 Area
  - Performance Measurement Plan (PMP) and Accelerated Cleanup
  - Long-Term Stewardship
  - Accelerated Tank Closure and Vitrification Plant
  - Alternative Waste Technologies
  - Groundwater Protection Program and remediation efforts
  - Plateau Waste Cleanup
- The Board has made a number of recommendations to DOE regarding the above topics and continues to work on further recommendations.
- DOE will need to show that the accelerated program will maintain the integrity of the Tri-Party Agreement and will reflect the values and principles of the stakeholders.
- The Board is looking to DOE-RL to provide policies on the receipt of transuranic and mixed waste and the shipment and transport to WIPP, especially in light of the accelerated cleanup PMP.
- For the next year, the Board will be primarily focused on working with DOE on the acceleration initiatives.

#### Nevada

- The PMP has been on an aggressive schedule at NV. The CAB initially reviewed the PMP and will do so again after the latest revisions.
- The application to the State for a RCRA permit for mixed waste is an important issue for stakeholders. It is likely a public information meeting will be held.
- The CAB continues to discuss Underground Test Area issues and will submit a recommendation for the next steps. A working meeting with members of the

UGTA committee was held with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection to resolve major concerns. It was a very productive meeting. Recommendations should be approved at the CAB's next meeting.

- The CAB will have its quarterly meeting October 9 (on its new schedule) and will ask DOE to kick off the meeting with the FY03 work plans. There will also be a basic radiation workshop and updates on the RCRA permit application and the next steps on the accelerated cleanup plan.
- In November the CAB will hold its retreat, undergo ethics training, finish this year's self-evaluations, and develop its workplan for 2003.

#### Los Alamos

- Working on three main items:
  1. DOE & LANL response to draft corrective action order was given to the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department
  2. Implementation of a hydrogeological workplan
  3. WIPP program – the character of waste and shipments to the WIPP especially in light of the number of accelerated cleanup plans around the country
- The Board is recruiting for six new members.
- Outreach committee has been quite active, developing a website, newsletter, fact sheet, etc.
- The CAB is busy planning the TRU Waste and Transportation Workshop for early next year. The WIPP Tour has been set for January 30, with the business portion of the meeting running January 31 – February 1, 2003.
- At the September 25 meeting, the CAB will work on its self-evaluation and annual report for FY02, the workplan for FY03, and will elect officers.

#### Rocky Flats

- The CAB added four new members and is getting them acquainted with a new mentoring program as part of the orientation.
- The Board worked with the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments to release ... Rocky Flats tool box (?) in which there is an emphasis on surface versus subsurface contamination.
- The Board is focused on the Radioactive Soil Action Levels and fitting the decided-upon levels in with the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement.
- The Board will complete its annual self-evaluation and 2003 workplan at its meeting in September.

#### Fernald

- The Board is looking at public access to the site post-closure. Weldon Spring published a feasibility study regarding their information center and public access with their site closure, and the FCAB will be visiting the site to look at their information center and learn from Weldon's experience.
- Jessie Roberson visited the site in August and met with various stakeholders and some members of the CAB. CAB members were very pleased to have met with her.

- A round table will be held for everyone concerned (DOE, EPA, CAB, etc) about silo remediation, a big topic at Fernald.
- The Board's annual retreat is scheduled for September 28. The Board will do a self-evaluation and next year's workplan will be discussed.

#### Idaho

- The CAB held a conference call/meeting in July to determine recommendations for the accelerated cleanup PMP.
- There was a site tour at the July CAB meeting with some Paducah members attending.
- The Secretary of Energy has indicated the INEEL will change its focus from environmental management to nuclear energy research and development. The CAB is not sure what that means yet.
- A new site manager will be appointed soon by NE (because of the new lab mission). There has not been a site manager for several months.
- At the September meeting the CAB will receive a report on the status of the transition of INEEL's focus, a status on efforts to close high level waste tanks and tank farms, and wildfire management.
- The support service contract is being recompeted and CAB has some involvement in it.

#### Savannah River

- DOE has made a decision to place the F-Canyon in suspension and CAB reluctantly supported the decision. This is a heavy issue at SRS and there has been lots of confusion and discussion on the topic.
- The CAB's annual retreat will be held on the 22-24 of September.
- Election will be held in October for 14 CAB members, six new people are running for positions and eight are running for reelection. In January the new committee chairs will be instated.
- The CAB decided to meet every other month in 2003, instead of quarterly as they did in 2002.

### **3. CONGRESSIONAL UPDATES**

- Congress is in recess until 9/3
- September will be busy as Congress likes to end the session in early October in election years.
- We expect Continuing Resolutions for several of the Appropriations bills, to carry-over into either a "lame-duck" session, or into the next Congress.

Martha thanked everyone and asked for their help in reviewing the minutes.